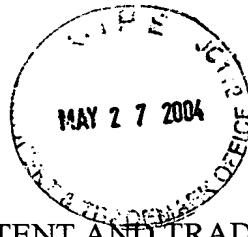


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NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE PRIMARY EXAMINER
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Sir:

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated December 24, 2003 of the Primary Examiner rejecting claims 62-72. A supporting Appeal Brief will be filed in due course.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b), a check in the amount of \$750.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the cost of filing the Notice of Appeal (\$330.00) and a two-month extension of time (\$420.00). The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. One (1) original and two (2) copies of this Notice of Appeal are enclosed.

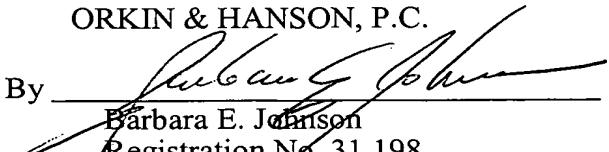
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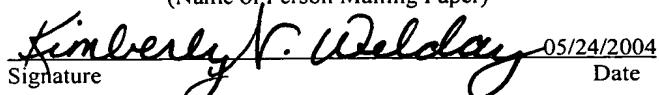
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